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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN :

Before telling you my experience of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, I wish to present a summary of my credentials and work background:

University of California at Berkeley, B.A. 1948

San Francisco State College, 60 post graduate units
in Education, and Literature, and N.S. Government

State of California, Lifetime Secondary Credential
Awarded 1968

Work Experience: 1950-1965

13 Years executive secretary, including Institute of Geophysics at University of California as secretary for three Nobel Prize winners; secretary for David O. Selznik, movie producer; for Robert Rossen, New York and Hollywood play and movie producer; the president and chairman of the Board of a large San Francisco advertising agency; secretary for U.S. Intelligence office in Japan during Korean peace talks.

1965-1978 secondary high school teacher in college preparatory schools in and near San Francisco, including one year at the Rough Rock Demonstration School for Navajo Indians in Arizona, working with Senator Ted Kennedy on the project.

In the years of working with young people, ages 14 to 19, one of the conditions I was most aware of was the increasing sense of despair among my students. They felt hypocrisy was everywhere - among adults, in the government, from their parents - there was a loss of trust and a strong element of cynicism in their attitudes. My intention in teaching had always been along with academic accomplishment, to try to give the students a sense of their own worth and new ways of experiencing life. I burned out in the process. At that time, 1977, I first read one of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's books and became a sannyasin. After being with Bhagwan for several months, I returned to the classroom with renewed energy and a strong love and hope for my students.

Many of the students began listening to Bhagwan's lecture tapes and doing some of the meditations. They were very excited because "somebody was finally saying it like it was," and they felt he understood them exactly, their problems, their hopes, their fears. During the course of that year I felt new strength and new insights constantly coming into the classroom, the students opened up, began to work harder (and enjoy it!), and there was a noticeable improvement in their grades and in their ability to take tests

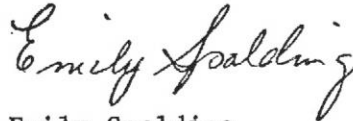
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and examinations without so much fear. Several of the "problem" students were no longer problems and some of the unhappiest ones began to laugh and even be playful.

When I left that year, I received many gifts from the students and most of the parents came to see me or wrote letters about the inspiration that year had been for them and their children.

Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is unique as a creative genius who has a deep knowledge of the heart of the matter. Almost every one of my students responded to his understanding and love and his teachings brought new light and hope into their lives. And five years later I still hear from and about the students who remember that year and who still ask about Bhagwan and are so happy that he is here with us. He has had an incredibly beautiful influence on my students and friends.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Spalding". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Emily Spalding
(Ma Prem Anubodhi)